CHAPTER 81

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

SENATE BILL 17-033

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lawrence, Arndt, Becker K., Beckman, Herod, Hooton, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Lontine, McKean, Michaelson Jenet, Mitsch Bush, Neville P., Pettersen, Young, Duran.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A PROFESSIONAL NURSE TO DELEGATE DISPENSING AUTHORITY FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 12-38-132.3 as follows:

- **12-38-132.3.** School nurses over-the-counter medication. (1) This part 1 does not prohibit a person who has been appropriately trained from dispensing an over-the-counter medication to a minor as long as the person has written instructions from the minor's parent or guardian and there is a physician's standing medical order.
- (2) This section is not intended to affect the authority of a professional nurse to delegate nursing tasks.
- **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 30, 2017

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.